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SUBJ: REFUGEE STATUS: PRADO, NATALIA NEE FIODOROVA; PRADO

BUSTAMANTE, SERAFIN; PRADO FIODOROVA, PATRICIA; AND

PRADO NEE BUSTAMANTE, MARGARITA

REF: MOSCOW 15531 #

1. SUBJECTS ARE NATALIA PRADO NEE FIODOROVA, PDOB, MOSCOW, USSR, SPT 16, 1945; HUSBAND, SERAFIN PRADO BUSTAMANTE, PDOB PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE, OCT 30, 1943; MINOR CHILE, PATRICIA PRADO FIODOROVA, PDOB MOSCOW; USSR, JAN 19 1971; AND HUSBAND'S MOTHER, MARGARITA PRADO NEE BUSTAMANTE, PDOB ANCUM, CHILE, MAY 10, 1905.

2. SUBJECTS WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE INELIGIBLE UNDER SEC 212(A) (27),(28) OR (29). WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS SEC 212(A)(15).

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY TO SANTIAGO'S VISAS ALPHA TO MOSCOW RE MR AND MRS PRADO:

"1. VISAS DELTA NATALIA KATSNELSON PRADO NEE FIODOROVA (FEDOROVA). VISAS DELTA SERAFIN MARCELINO PRADO BUSTAMANTE.

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"2. GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED REFTEL PARA 2, EMBASSY INCLINED AGREE THAT SUBJECT MIGHT FACE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IF SHE WERE TO RETURN TO USSR. FACT THAT SHE IS JEWISH LIKELY TO INCREASE POTENTIAL FOR SUCH DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITIES OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES TOWARD QUESTION OF JEWISH EMIGRATION."

3. IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH CONSOFF, MRS PRADO STATES SHE RELUCTANT TO RETURN TO USSR AS SHE BELIEVES SEVERAL YEARS' ABSENCE OUTSIDE COUNTRY WOULD RESULT IN OFFICIAL SUSPICION AND POSSIBLE PERSECUTION. CLAIMS SHE EXPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING EXIT VISA AND PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD WITHOUT LOSING SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO STAY IN CHILE ONLY BY TELLING SOVIET EMBASSY HERE THAT FAMILY WAS TOO INSOLVENT TO AFFORD RETURN TRIP TO USSR. STATES SHE IS JEWISH AND FEARS THIS WOULD AFFECT OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF HER UPON RETURN AND ABILITY TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE USSR IN FUTURE. CLAIMS NOT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AND HAS NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

4. HUSBAND, SERAFIN PRADO, IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH CONSOFF CLAIMED RESIDENCE IN MOSCOW 1962-1971. STATES HE STUDIED AT UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW. HE ALSO STATES HE IS NOT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER. POST HAS NO TRACES ON HUSBAND BUT FILES INDICATE WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MAY HAVE SOME RECORD. PRESUMABLY, EAGLE NAMECHECK WILL PICK UP THAT INFO.

5. MR PRADO'S MOTHER, MARGARITA PRADO NEE BUSTAMANTE CLAIMED NO POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR MEMBERSHIPS IN INTERVIEW WITH CONSOFF BUT BELIEVES SHE MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION SHOULD SHE REMAIN IN CHILE BECAUSE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

6. BECAUSE OF MRS PRADO'S JEWISH BACKGROUND AND THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WHICH SHE MAY EXPERIENCE FROM RESIDENCE OUTSIDE USSR, IN WHICH EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCURS, EMBASSY WISHES FAVORABLY RECOMMEND CASES OF MR AND MRS PRADO, THEIR MINOR CHILD, AND MR PRADO'S MOTHER. UNHCR HAS ACCORDED MRS PRADO REFUGEE STATUS. THOMPSON

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